

## By the Quene.



HE QVENE'S mosse excellent Maiestie, beyng informed, that there is presently growyng and encreasyng in certayne evyll disposed persons, in and nere the cite of London, such an inordinate boldnes, as they having knowledge of Processe sent forth out of sundry Courtes of Recorde, to attache them by their bodies, to answer vnto Justice: doe not only arme themselves priuely to withstande in forcible maner, the officers hatynge charge to execute the same Processe: but doe also make assautes and open frayes vpon the sayd officers, bothe to the manifest contempte of publyke authoritie, and to the danger of the liues of the sayd officers. Wherupon her maiestie hauing it broughte also to her remembrance, in what sort the Noble kyng her maiesties father, kyng Henry the eight, vpon the like disorder growen about the xxix. yere of his reigne, did prouide speedy remedy by a berye streight proclamation, vnder great and mortall paynes to the offendours therein. Wherupon also manifest quietnes did ensue, to the execution of all the like processe by Seriaunts, Bailiffes, and such other ministers. For these considerations, her maiestie hauing also regard to maintein her authoritie geuen her by almighty God, ouer al maner of persons within her dominions, and to preserue due reuerence to her lawes and to the ministers therof, straightly chargeth and commaundeth all maner of persons, of what condition soeuer they be within any of her dominions, quietly & peaceably to obey and yeld themselves, to the Arrestes & attachments of al Maiors, Sheriffes, bailiffes, seriantes, & other ministers, without refusall, rescues, or resistance, vpon payn that as well the principall offendours, as their ayders, mainteyners, and procurers in any such rescues or resistance, shalbe committed to prison, there to remaine close without any maner of libertie. And to be furder seuerally chastised and punished for the same contempt (besides the punishment due for the cause, wherupon the attachment was awarded) as shalbe expressely deuised, limited, & appointed by her maiesties own speciall direction, with thadvice of her Counsell. And in the meane season not to be bailed or deliuered out of prison by any maner of officer without hauing special warrant therfore, from her Maiestie: so: so doth her highnes meane to take the care to her selfe, to punish such a notable contempt. And to deuise such seuerall maner of punishments, for terro: and example, as shalbe requisite to the manner & other circumstances of the offence. And furder her Maiestie comandeth, that all other persons being present or nere to any such rescues to be made, shall do their best endeauour to ayde the publike officer, & to attache the offendours and their adherents, vpon payn to be likewise imprisoned, vntill her maiesties pleasure shalbe therein speciallly declared. Or that the Justices of the Assise, or of Oyer and terminer at their next comming nere to that place, or the president and counsell (if the case shal so require) in the Marches of Wales, or in the North, shall otherwise order therein, according to the quality of the fault. Wherin her maiestie chargeth the same Justices, Presidents and Counsell, to vse such seueritie as to the cause shall appertayn, and moue others, by the example and terro: of punishment to forbear from the lyke. Given at Westminster the xxi. day of March. 1564. The seventh yere of her Maiesties Reigne.

God saue the Quene.

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